GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3117
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ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT/ IRREGULARITIES IN POSTAL DIVISIONS
Hasan Chaudhary Munawwar

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received letters from the Members of Parliament for conducting enquiry into the cases of alleged embezzlement and irregularities in Badayun, Moradabad, Muzaffarnagar Postal Divisions and Saharanpur Head Post Office;

(b) if so, the details of action taken on the complaints received in October, 2006; and

(c) the time by which appropriate action will be taken against the guilty persons?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Investigations have been undertaken on all the references from the Hon`ble Members of Parliament through Chief Postmaster General, Uttar Pradesh Circle, Lucknow. In the case of fraud at Saharanpur Head Post Office, the Chief Vigilance Officer of the Department of Posts has also visited Saharanpur Head Post Office to review the progress of the investigation and issued necessary instructions for expediting the investigation and follow up action against the identified offenders. The case stands reported to CBI. The progress of investigation in the case of fraud at Muzaffarnagar Head Post Office was also reviewed on the spot by a team of Vigilance Officers of the Postal Directorate. This case has been reported to police. In the case of fraud at Badayun Head Post Office, Circle Level Investigation report was received and the follow up action is being taken. The case has also been reported to police. Other allegations leveled in the references of Hon`ble Members of Parliament a re under investigation through Chief Postmaster General, Uttar Pradesh Circle, Lucknow. The action on references from the Hon`ble MPs are being monitored at the higher level in the Postal Directorate.

(c) On the basis of progress of departmental investigations so far 9 officials have been placed under suspension, 46 officials have been identified as offenders for prima facie lapses on their part. One Gazetted Officer has been transferred out of Uttar Pradesh Postal Circle. Action against the guilty persons will be taken in due course on completion of Police/CBI and departmental investigations.